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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (PTOL-85) Form and a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) Form dated August 20, 2002, in the above-identified application. However, in reviewing the Notice of Allowability, Applicants note that the Examiner has not yet considered the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on March 26, 2002, in which claims 37-57 were added in lieu of claims

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1-36, nor has the Examiner indicated his consideration of all of the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 31, 2002, prior to allowance of the subject application. For the Examiner's convenience, attached are copies of that Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped post card receipt for that paper as well as a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 31, 2002, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped post card receipt for that paper

Since that Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement were timely filed prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and indicate his consideration of the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement by initialing and returning the PTO 1449 Form attached to that Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

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